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DEHYDROGENATION OF)
TRIISOPROPYL BENZENE AND)
DIISOPROPYL BENZENE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing to the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-8, 12-16, and 20-25, and add new claims 26-42 as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the solid catalyst is mainly composed of an iron compound, a potassium compound and a magnesium compound.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, characterized in that the solid catalyst comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of alkali metal